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SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

REF: (A) STATE 38558 (B) EC BRUSSELS 1664

1. ON FEB. 25 ECMIN CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON AMBASSADOR MONDELLO (DIRECTOR GENERAL FORE CONOMIC AFFAIRS) AND MINISTER CALAMIA (COORDINATOR FOR GATT AND EC AFFAIRS) TO PRESENT USG POSITION ON MULTI-FIBER AGREEMENT (MFA) AND TO URGE GOI SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL IN PRESENT FORM. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REF A, ECMIN STRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT DEALY IN RESOLVING
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FUTURE OF MFA WILL RESULT IN TEXTILE TRADE POLICIES BECOMING ISSUE IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND OUR VIEW THAT FAEXIBILITY OF MFA OFFERS PROTECTION OF EC INTERESTS.

2. MONDELLO RESPONDED THAT HE WAS UNABLE PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS. HE NOTED THAT MFA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ROSSI DURING RECENT

VISIT TO ITALY, BUT HE WAS UNAWARE OF CONTENT OF DISCUSSION. HE THEN ADDED THAT ITALIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY, WHILE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH MFA, WAS PRESSING GOI TO SUPPORT SOME MODIFICATIONS.

3. MONDELLO PROMISED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, WHO WILL ATTEND (ALONG WITH MONDELLO) MARCH 8 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, OF U.S. POSITION AND REQUEST FOR GOI SUPPORT.

4. ON THE WAY OUT, CALAMIA, IN RESPONSE TO ECMIN'S QUESTION, GUESSED THAT GOI POSITION WOULD BE ONE OF SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED MODIFICATIONS).

5. EMBASSY WILL RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE NEXT WEEK.

6. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND CONS. FUXA (FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR GATT AND EC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), LATTER SAID THAT GOI WANTS "MINOR" CHANGES TO MFA IN COMPARISON TO THE GREATER CHANGES UK AND FRANCE WANT. HE ADDED THAT MAIN CHANGE GOI WANTS IS IN 6 PERCENT ANNUAL IMPORT INCREASE ALLOWED UNDER ART. 4 OF MFA. FUXA WAS CONVINCED THAT EC WOULD NOT ACCEPT UNCHANGED MFA.BEAUDRY

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